

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety-First Regular Session

4:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 27, 1994

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Brian D. Rude, President of the Senate.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Senators Adelman, Andrea, Breske, Buettner, Burke, Chvala, Clausing, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Drzewiecki, Ellis, Farrow, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Lasee, Leraan, Lorman, Moen, Moore, Panzer, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Rosenzweig, Rude, Schultz, Weeden, Wineke and Zien — 33.

Absent — None.

Absent with leave — None.

The Senate stood for a moment of silent meditation.

The Senate remained standing and Senator Clausing led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 663

Relating to hazardous materials transportation, emergency response preparedness, interstate law enforcement agreements, granting rule-making authority and making appropriations.

By Senators Jauch, Weeden, Burke, Clausing and Risser; cosponsored by Representatives Boyle, Black, Johnsrud, Carpenter, Grobschmidt, Notestein, Hinkfuss, Lorge, Bock, Baldus, Robson, Stower and Baldwin.

To committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs.

Senate Bill 664

Relating to a sales tax and use tax exemption for certain construction materials.

By Senator Darling; cosponsored by Representative La Fave.

To joint Survey committee on Tax Exemptions.

Senate Bill 665

Relating to authorizing a 1st class city school district to contract with certain private schools for educational programs.

By Senators Darling, Burke, Farrow, Rosenzweig, Drzewiecki, Lasee, Buettner and Leraan; cosponsored by Representatives Beal, Riley, Jensen, Duff, Schneiders, Vergeront, Silbaugh, Hahn, Otte, Ladwig and Seratti, by request of Milwaukee Public Schools.

To committee on Education.

Senate Bill 666

Relating to children who have been found to be not competent to proceed on a delinquency petition.

By Senators Rosenzweig, Panzer, Huelsman, Buettner and Darling; cosponsored by Representatives Huber, Klusman, Bock, Beal, Duff, Goetsch, Brandemuehl, Owens, Ainsworth, Albers and Dobyns.

To committee on Judiciary and Insurance.

Senate Bill 667

Relating to prohibiting school districts from imposing residency requirements on employees.

By Senators Decker, Helbach, Potter and Moen.

To committee on Education.

Senate Bill 668

Relating to public access to records of certain investigations of the department of health and social services.

By Senator Ellis, by request of Carol Piehl.

To committee on Health, Human Services and Aging.

Senate Bill 669

Relating to various changes in the unemployment compensation law, provision of personal assistance services to handicapped persons and granting rule-making authority.

By Senators Zien and Breske; cosponsored by Representatives Vander Loop and Vrakas.

To committee on Human Resources, Labor, Tourism, Veterans and Military Affairs.

Senate Bill 670

Relating to requirements for effective recycling programs that use drop-off collection systems.

By Senators Darling, Breske, Drzewiecki and Lasee; cosponsored by Representatives Holperin, Ladwig, Boyle, Porter, Harsdorf, Albers, Hasenohrl, Reynolds, Beal, Schneiders, Grobschmidt, Lehman, Hahn, Goetsch, Ward, Green and Grothman.

To committee on Environment and Energy.

Senate Bill 671

Relating to temporary reduction of speed limits by local highway authorities.

By Senators Rude, Rosenzweig, Schultz, Andrea, Buettner, Cowles and Darling; cosponsored by Representatives Turner, Freese, Boyle, Dobyns, Goetsch, Ott, Plache, Ladwig, Lehman, Musser, Holperin, Baldus and Gronemus.

To committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs.

Senate Bill 672

Relating to the funding of state institution, park, forest and riverway roads and making an appropriation.

By Senators Cowles, Buettner, Darling and Drzewiecki; cosponsored by Representatives Black, Lehman and Duff.

To committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs.

Senate Bill 673

Relating to transporting loads of tie logs, tie slabs and veneer logs in vehicles that exceed vehicle width limitations.

By Senators Lasee, Andrea, Breske, Drzewiecki, Schultz, Buettner, Decker, Jauch and Clausing; cosponsored by Representatives Ott, Ainsworth, Baldus, Brandemuehl, Gard, Hahn, Hasenohrl, Holperin, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kreuser, Linton, Lorge, Musser, Ourada, Plombon, Ryba, Seratti, Silbaugh, Springer and Owens.

To committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs.

Senate Bill 674

Relating to the costs of removing, impounding and disposing of abandoned vehicles.

By Senators Lasee, Breske and Darling; cosponsored by Representatives Hasenohrl, Porter, Riley, Ott, Turner, Seratti and Green.

To committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs.

Senate Bill 675

Relating to issuing replacements of death certificates that are changed by court order.

By Senators Rude, Buettner, Risser, Huelsman, Cowles and Breske; cosponsored by Representatives Stower, Ladwig, Roberts, Johnsrud, Freese, Boyle, Duff, Lorge, Ryba, Musser and Hanson.

To committee on Health, Human Services and Aging.

Senate Bill 676

Relating to liability of public employes for discrimination and sexual harassment.

By Senators Cowles, Buettner and Darling; cosponsored by Representatives Reynolds, Ainsworth, Hinkfuss, Duff, Ryba, Goetsch and Springer.

To committee on State Government Operations and Corrections.

Senate Bill 677

Relating to political contributions by certain committees during certain periods.

By Senators Cowles, Rude, Burke and Clausing; cosponsored by Representatives Black, Stower, Baumgart, Kaufert, Underheim, Holperin, Albers, R. Young, Ainsworth, Meyer, Freese, Goetsch, Grobschmidt, Harsdorf, Plache, Reynolds and Ziegelbauer.

To committee on State Government Operations and Corrections.

Senate Bill 678

Relating to prohibitions on landfill disposal and incineration of major appliances, awards of waste reduction and recycling demonstration grants, responsible units for recycling programs and waivers of requirements for effective recycling programs.

By Senator Cowles; cosponsored by Representative Black.

To committee on Environment and Energy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on Health, Human Services and Aging reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 482

Relating to payment to certain providers of obstetric and gynecological care under the medical assistance program.

Introduction and adoption of Senate substitute amendment 1:

Ayes, 7 -- Senators Buettner, Lorman, Rude, Rosenzweig, Moen, Breske and Moore;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Passage as amended:

Ayes, 7 -- Senators Buettner, Lorman, Rude, Rosenzweig, Moen, Breske and Moore;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Senate Bill 619

Relating to practice requirements for applicants for a professional counseling certificate.

Introduction and adoption of Senate amendment 1:

Ayes, 7 -- Senators Buettner, Lorman, Rude, Rosenzweig, Moen, Breske and Moore;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Passage as amended:

Ayes, 7 -- Senators Buettner, Lorman, Rude, Rosenzweig, Moen, Breske and Moore;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Carol A. Buettner
Chair

The committee on Judiciary and Insurance reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 396

Relating to increasing the jurisdictional amount in small claims actions.

Introduction and adoption of Senate amendment 1:

Ayes, 7 -- Senators Huelsman, Petak, Darling, Drzewiecki, Risser, Adelman and Chvala;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Passage as amended:

Ayes, 6 -- Senators Huelsman, Petak, Darling, Drzewiecki, Risser and Chvala;

Noes, 1 -- Senator Adelman.

Joanne B. Huelsman
Chair

The committee on Human Resources, Labor, Tourism, Veterans and Military Affairs reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 390

Relating to employment of minors 11 years of age or older in the sale of newspapers.

Passage:

Ayes, 4 -- Senators Zien, Lasee, Drzewiecki and Breske;

Noes, 1 -- Senator Decker.

David A. Zien
Chair

The committee on Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 248

Relating to inspections of barbering or cosmetology establishments, schools and specialty schools.

Introduction and adoption of Senate amendment 1:

Ayes, 5 -- Senators Petak, Buettner, Zien, Plewa and Moore;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Passage as amended:

Ayes, 5 -- Senators Petak, Buettner, Zien, Plewa and Moore;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Senate Bill 534

Relating to the maximum price of a raffle ticket.

Passage:

Ayes, 5 -- Senators Petak, Buettner, Zien, Plewa and Moore;

Noes, 0 -- None.

George Petak
Chair

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Ethics Board

January 25, 1994

To the Honorable the Senate:

At the direction of s. 13.685(7), Wisconsin Statutes, I am furnishing you with the names of organizations recently registered with the Ethics Board as employing one or more individuals to affect state legislation or administrative rules. For each organization I have noted the general area of legislative or administrative action which the organization has described as the object of its lobbying activity and the name of each licensed lobbyist that the organization has authorized to act on its behalf.

Video Software Dealers Assoc.

Subjects: Regulation of sale or rental of movies and video games.

Goyke, Gary

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by the organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,

R. Roth Judd

Executive Director

State of Wisconsin
Ethics Board

January 25, 1994

To the Honorable the Senate:

At the direction of s. 13.685(7), Wisconsin Statutes, I am furnishing you with the following changes in the Ethics Board's records of licensed lobbyists and their employers.

Organization's authorization of additional lobbyists: The following organizations previously registered with the Ethics Board as employers of lobbyists have authorized to act on their behalf these additional licensed lobbyists:

Coastal Corporation, The

Parker, Ann

Education Assoc. Council, Wisconsin

Burke, Robert

Monsanto Co.

Gerrard, M. William

Tenuta, James

Organization's termination of lobbyists: Each of the following organizations previously registered with the Ethics Board as the employer of a lobbyist has withdrawn, on the date indicated, its authorization for the lobbyist identified to act on the organization's behalf.

Coastal Corporation, The

Reed, Rex 1/24/94

Electric Power Co., Wisconsin

Kilen, Deanna 1/21/94

Environmental Decade, Inc., Wisconsin

Arts, James 1/21/94

Minnesota Correctional Industries

Bablitch, Stephen 1/14/94

Natural Gas Co., Wisconsin

Kilen, Deanna 1/21/94

Organization's cessation of lobbying activity: Each of the following organizations previously registered with the Ethics Board as the employer of a lobbyist indicates a

cessation of all lobbying activity effective on the date shown.

Utility Investors, Inc., Wisconsin 1/11/94

Mett, R. Michael 1/11/94

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by the organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,
R. Roth Judd
Executive Director

State of Wisconsin
University of Wisconsin System
January 19, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Section 20.923(5), Wis. Stats., requires that the Board of Regents assign specified titled positions to salary ranges in whatever manner the board determines. The Board is required to file a report annually with the Governor and Legislature.

The Board has directed that all positions referenced in s. 20.923(5) be assigned to either a State Executive Salary Group or to a UW System salary range based on the following assignment criteria:

Part A. Positions subject to State Executive Salary Group assignment.

All positions referenced in s. 20.923(5) which carry the following titles regardless of annual salary:

Associate Vice Presidents
Assistant Vice Presidents
Associate Chancellors
Vice Chancellors not designated in s.
20.923(4m)
Associate Vice Chancellors
Assistant Vice Chancellors
Assistant Chancellors

All positions carrying the director or associate director title with over 50 percent of their activities coded as physical plant, general operations and services, and auxiliary enterprises whose fiscal year annual salary rate exceeds the maximum of pay range 1-17 (1993-94 maximum is \$55,966) of the general non-represented pay schedule #1.

Part B. Positions subject to UWS Salary Range Assignment:

/IX All directors or associate directors with over 50 percent of their position assigned to an enumerated activity code in the statute whose annual salary does not exceed the maximum of pay range 1-17.

Part A of the attached report designates those positions assigned to State Executive Salary Groups and Part B provides the minimum and maximum for those positions assigned to a UWS Salary Range. The report is dated January 1, 1994 and serves to fulfill this calendar year's reporting requirement.

Sincerely,
Katharine C. Lyall
President

Southwest Wisconsin
Technical College
January 25, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

To meet the requirements of State Statute 38.12(11)(c), I am enclosing a copy of our "Employees and Students Right to Know" handbook. This handbook is distributed at our orientation sessions, at the first class meeting of our off-campus classes, and is available in our brochure racks on campus.

If you have further questions, please contact me at (608) 822-3262.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Hansen
Dean of Student Services

Referred to Committee on Education

Senate Petition 14

A petition by 83 residents of the State of Wisconsin in support of Senate Bill 459, relating to discrimination or denial of employment on the basis of membership in, affiliation with or financial support of a labor organization.

By Senator Zien.

Read and referred to Human Resources, Labor, Tourism, Veterans and Military Affairs.

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS
State of Wisconsin
Revisor of Statutes Bureau

January 1, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

The following rules have been published and are effective:

Clearinghouse Rule 92-199 effective January 1, 1994.
Clearinghouse Rule 92-205 effective January 1, 1994.
Clearinghouse Rule 92-207 effective January 1, 1994.
Clearinghouse Rule 93-35 effective January 1, 1994.
Clearinghouse Rule 93-36 effective January 1, 1994.
Clearinghouse Rule 93-37 effective January 1, 1994.
Clearinghouse Rule 93-45 effective January 1, 1994.
Clearinghouse Rule 93-73 effective January 1, 1994.
Clearinghouse Rule 93-86 effective January 1, 1994.
Clearinghouse Rule 93-91 effective January 1, 1994.
Clearinghouse Rule 93-97 effective January 1, 1994.
Clearinghouse Rule 93-140 effective January 1, 1994.

Clearinghouse Rule 93-145 effective January 1, 1994.
Clearinghouse Rule 93-156 effective January 1, 1994.
Clearinghouse Rule 93-165 effective January 1, 1994.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Poulson

Deputy Revisor

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-134

Relating to administration of the stewardship program.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from agency, January 25, 1994.

Referred to committee on Environment and Energy, January 27, 1994.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-195

Relating to plumbing licenses, fire sprinkler system licenses and soil tester certifications.

Submitted by Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations.

Report received from agency, January 26, 1994.

Referred to committee on Human Resources, Labor, Tourism, Veterans and Military Affairs, January 27, 1994.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-205

Relating to boilers and pressure vessels.

Submitted by Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations.

Report received from agency, January 26, 1994.

Referred to committee on Human Resources, Labor, Tourism, Veterans and Military Affairs, January 27, 1994.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-213

Relating to the registration and titling of vehicles held by trusts.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from agency, January 25, 1994.

Referred to committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs, January 27, 1994.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-216

Relating to licensure of speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from agency, January 26, 1994.

Referred to committee on Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs, January 27, 1994.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY

By Thomas T. Melvin, chief clerk.

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the Assembly has adopted and asks concurrence in:

Assembly Joint Resolution 3

Passed and asks concurrence in:

Assembly Bill 44

Assembly Bill 236

Assembly Bill 428

Assembly Bill 470

Assembly Bill 478

Assembly Bill 512

Assembly Bill 573

Assembly Bill 598

Assembly Bill 600

Assembly Bill 660

Assembly Bill 664

Assembly Bill 713

Assembly Bill 772

Assembly Bill 780

Assembly Bill 800

Assembly Bill 802

Assembly Bill 803

Assembly Bill 836

Assembly Bill 899

Concurred in:

Senate Bill 19

Senate Bill 81

Senate Bill 230

Amended and concurred in as amended:

Senate Bill 89, Assembly amendment 1

Senate Bill 316, Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 3 and Assembly substitute amendment 3

Senate Bill 374, Assembly amendment 1

**MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY
CONSIDERED**

Assembly Joint Resolution 3

Relating to eligibility to office of a person convicted of a misdemeanor involving a violation of public trust or of a felony (first consideration).

By Representatives Wood, Notestein, Huber, Lehman, Schneiders, Duff, Hahn, Brandemuehl, Goetsch, Ott, Nass and La Fave, cosponsored by Senators Lorman, Leean, Buettner and Weeden.

Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary and Insurance.

Assembly Bill 44

Relating to increasing the period between the issuance of the citation or petition and the hearing in juvenile cases in municipal court.

By Representatives Lehman, Bolle, Dobyns, Musser, Lorge, Hahn, Albers, Porter, Ott and Vrakas, cosponsored by Senators Stitt, Petak and Farrow.

Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary and Insurance.

Assembly Bill 236

Relating to the placement of structures for dry fire hydrants on the beds of navigable waters.

By Representatives Ourada, Reynolds, Brancel, Holperin, Brandemuehl, Bolle, Boyle, Ott, Freese and Hahn, cosponsored by Senators Adelman and Breske.

Read first time and referred to committee on Environment and Energy.

Assembly Bill 428 -

Relating to operation of and proof of financial responsibility for solid and hazardous waste facilities.

By Representatives Kunicki, Travis, Prosser and Linton, cosponsored by Senators Ellis, Rude, Helbach and Leean, by request of Governor Tommy G. Thompson.

Read first time and referred to committee on Environment and Energy.

Assembly Bill 470

Relating to the membership of the child abuse and neglect prevention board.

By Representatives Prosser and Travis, cosponsored by Senators Ellis and Helbach.

Read first time and referred to committee on Health, Human Services and Aging.

Assembly Bill 478 -

Relating to the return of lost money or goods.

By Representatives Baldus, Plache, Ryba, Lorge, Boyle, Stower, R. Young and Goetsch, cosponsored by Senators Lorman and Breske.

Read first time and referred to committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs.

Assembly Bill 512

Relating to boating safety, the intoxicated boating law, regulation of personal watercraft, water skiing, local regulation of boats on inland lakes, granting rule-making authority and providing penalties.

By Representatives Black, Notestein, Roberts, Urban, Robson, Potter, Boyle, Hanson and Bock, cosponsored by Senator Burke.

Read first time and referred to committee on Environment and Energy.

Assembly Bill 573

An act relating to conveying a lake bed area to Brown county.

By Representatives Swoboda, Hinkfuss and Ryba, cosponsored by Senator Lasee.

Read first time and referred to committee on Environment and Energy.

Assembly Bill 598

Relating to the procedures for collecting forfeitures for violations of provisions concerning the removal and disposal of septage.

By Representatives Roberts, Huber, Baldus, R. Young, Ott, Dobyns, Notestein, Ryba, Hasenohrl and Prosser, cosponsored by Senators Rude and Burke.

Read first time and referred to committee on Environment and Energy.

Assembly Bill 600

Relating to termination of trusts, calculation of probate filing fees, apportionment of trustees' fees, retention of business by trustees and marital property interest in individual retirement accounts.

By Representatives Rutkowski, Deininger, Duff, Goetsch, Green, Hahn and Welch, cosponsored by Senators Huelsman, Helbach, Stitt, Risser and Buettner.

Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary and Insurance.

Assembly Bill 660

Relating to the financial responsibility of persons who perform on one-family and 2-family dwellings work for which a building permit is required, creating a contractor financial responsibility council, granting rule-making authority, making an appropriation and providing penalties.

By Representatives Potter, Holperin, Roberts, Green, Carpenter, Johnsrud, Ryba, Hanson, R. Young, Cullen, Riley, Hasenohrl, Duff, Robson, Prosser, Silbaugh, Ott and Morris-Tatum, cosponsored by Senators Rude, Burke, Plewa, Schultz and Darling.

Read first time and referred to committee on Human Resources, Labor, Tourism, Veterans and Military Affairs.

Assembly Bill 664

Relating to the filing and recording of certain documents with a register of deeds.

By Representatives Ryba, Turner, Ladwig, Hanson, Boyle and Baldwin, cosponsored by Senators Risser, Buettner, Moen, Huelsman and Burke.

Read first time and referred to committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs.

Assembly Bill 713

Relating to the Wisconsin basic will with trust.

By Representatives Huber, Deininger, La Fave, Baldus, Lehman, Bell, Lazich, Turner, Cullen, Panzer, Hahn, Ourada, Reynolds, Gronemus and Wilder, cosponsored by Senators Chvala and Burke.

Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary and Insurance.

Assembly Bill 772

Relating to prior authorization for the provision of personal care services under the medical assistance program and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Linton, Stower, Huber, Holperin, Bell, R. Young, Musser, Robson, Meyer, Cullen and Lorge, cosponsored by Senators Moore, Andrea and Breske.

Read first time and referred to committee on Health, Human Services and Aging.

Assembly Bill 780

Relating to aftercare services for youth, allowing placement in a secured correctional facility without transfer of legal custody to the department of health and social services, requiring aftercare plans for certain juvenile offenders released from secured correctional facilities, permitting county departments of human

services or social services to use administrative procedures for revocation of aftercare, granting rule-making authority, providing an exemption from rule-making procedures, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures and making an appropriation.

By Representatives R. Young, Ladwig, Panzer, Wirch, L. Young, Bell, Holperin, Hanson, Lazich, Boyle, Bock, Walker and Turner, cosponsored by Senators Lorman, Moore and Breske.

Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary and Insurance.

Assembly Bill 800

Relating to property not subject to division at divorce.

By Representatives Rutkowski and Bell, cosponsored by Senator Huelsman.

Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary and Insurance.

Assembly Bill 802

Relating to excusing certain pupils from the mandatory, statewide examinations in the 8th and 10th grades.

By Representatives Grobschmidt, Duff, Gruszynski, Lazich, Krosnicki, Vergeront and Ott, cosponsored by Senators Petak and Moore.

Read first time and referred to committee on Education.

Assembly Bill 803

Relating to the membership of library boards of consolidated public library systems and consolidated county libraries.

By Representatives Green, Ryba, Ott, Schneiders, Ladwig, Ainsworth, Goetsch, Hinkfuss, Albers, Walker, Potter, Silbaugh and Bolle, cosponsored by Senators Risser, Petak and Cowles.

Read first time and referred to committee on Education.

Assembly Bill 836

Relating to the requirement that an effective recycling program include volume-based solid waste fees.

By Representatives Meyer, Roberts, Reynolds, Ryba, Schneiders, Albers, Bock, La Fave, Riley, Huber, Baldus, Hinkfuss, Seratti and Urban, cosponsored by Senators Rude, Decker and Burke.

Read first time and referred to committee on Environment and Energy.

Assembly Bill 899

Relating to deleting the age criterion from the definition of a medicare supplement policy (suggested as remedial legislation by the office of the commissioner of insurance).

By Law Revision Committee.

Read first time and referred to committee on Health, Human Services and Aging.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENTS
OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND
SENATE BILLS

CALENDAR OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1994

Senate Bill 47

Relating to state and local historic preservation programs, requiring cities, villages and counties to regulate historic structures, the calculation and adjustment of the recapture provisions of the state historic rehabilitation tax credit and eligibility for individuals and eligibility criteria for that credit, regulating the use of abrasives to clean historic buildings, demolition of historic buildings, granting rule-making authority and providing a penalty.

Read a second time.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 47** be referred to joint committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 290

Relating to creating a small claims mediation pilot project and making an appropriation.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 1?

Senator Leean, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 290** be referred to joint committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 341

Relating to authorizing participation in a court-approved pupil assistance program as a disposition for children found delinquent or in need of protection or services, and the parents of those children, and for children found to have violated a civil law or municipal ordinance relating to alcohol or other drug use.

Read a second time.

Senator Leean, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 341** be referred to joint committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 405

Relating to sexual assault of a child and providing a penalty.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 405

Read a third time and passed.

Senate Bill 514

AN ACT to direct expenditure of \$4,777.47 from moneys appropriated to the department of corrections for payment of a claim against the state made by Firststar Bank of Portage.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 1?
Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 514

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 33; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Adelman, Andrea, Breske, Buettner, Burke, Chvala, Clausing, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Drzewiecki, Ellis, Farrow, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Lasee, Leean, Lorman, Moen, Moore, Panzer, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Rosenzweig, Rude, Schultz, Weeden, Wineke and Zien — 33.

Noes — None.

Absent or not voting — None.

Passed.

Senate Bill 515

Relating to appropriation of \$181,214.52 from the transportation fund for payment of a claim made by Racine county.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Farrow, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 515

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 33; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Adelman, Andrea, Breske, Buettner, Burke, Chvala, Clausing, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Drzewiecki, Ellis, Farrow, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Lasee, Leean, Lorman, Moen, Moore, Panzer, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Rosenzweig, Rude, Schultz, Weeden, Wineke and Zien — 33.

Noes — None.

Absent or not voting — None.

Passed.

Senate Bill 516

AN ACT to direct expenditure of \$38,092.69 from moneys appropriated to the department of transportation for payment of a claim against the state made by James Peterson Sons, Inc.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Adelman moved that **Senate Bill 516** be indefinitely postponed.

The question was: Shall **Senate Bill 516** be indefinitely postponed?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 6; noes, 27; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Adelman, Burke, Chvala, Clausing, Plewa and Risser — 6.

Noes — Senators Andrea, Breske, Buettner, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Drzewiecki, Ellis, Farrow, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Lasee, Leean, Lorman, Moen, Moore, Panzer, Petak, Potter, Rosenzweig, Rude, Schultz, Weeden, Wineke and Zien — 27.

Absent or not voting — None.

Refused indefinatepostponement.

The question was: Shall the bill be ordered to a third reading?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 29; noes, 4; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Andrea, Breske, Buettner, Chvala, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Drzewiecki, Ellis, Farrow, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Lasee, Leean, Lorman, Moen, Moore, Panzer, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Rosenzweig, Rude, Schultz, Weeden, Wineke and Zien — 29.

Noes — Senators Adelman, Burke, Clausing and Risser — 4.

Absent or not voting — None.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 516

Read a third time.

Senator Adelman, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bills 516, 517, 518, 519 and 520** be referred to joint committee on Finance.

Senator Lasee objected.

Senator Adelman moved that **Senate Bill 516** be referred to the joint committee on Finance.

The question was: Shall **Senate Bill 516** be referred to the joint committee on Finance?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 4; noes, 29; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Adelman, Burke, Clausing and Risser — 4.

Noes — Senators Andrea, Breske, Buettner, Chvala, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Drzewiecki, Ellis, Farrow, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Lasee, Leean, Lorman, Moen, Moore, Panzer, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Rosenzweig, Rude, Schultz, Weeden, Wineke and Zien — 29.

Absent or not voting — None.

Referral refused.

The question was: Passage?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 29; noes, 4; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Andrea, Breske, Buettner, Chvala, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Drzewiecki, Ellis, Farrow, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Lasee, Leraan, Lorman, Moen, Moore, Panzer, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Rosenzweig, Rude, Schultz, Weeden, Wineke and Zien — 29.

Noes — Senators Adelman, Burke, Clausing and Risser — 4.

Absent or not voting — None.

Passed.

Senate Bill 517

AN ACT to direct expenditure of \$4,510.96 from moneys appropriated to the department of transportation for payment of a claim against the state made by Pagel Construction.

Read a second time.

The question was: Shall the bill be ordered to a third reading?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 29; noes, 4; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Andrea, Breske, Buettner, Chvala, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Drzewiecki, Ellis, Farrow, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Lasee, Leraan, Lorman, Moen, Moore, Panzer, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Rosenzweig, Rude, Schultz, Weeden, Wineke and Zien — 29.

Noes — Senators Adelman, Burke, Clausing and Risser — 4.

Absent or not voting — None.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 517

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 29; noes, 4; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Andrea, Breske, Buettner, Chvala, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Drzewiecki, Ellis, Farrow, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Lasee, Leraan, Lorman, Moen, Moore, Panzer, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Rosenzweig, Rude, Schultz, Weeden, Wineke and Zien — 29.

Noes — Senators Adelman, Burke, Clausing and Risser — 4.

Absent or not voting — None.

Passed.

Senate Bill 518

AN ACT to direct expenditure of \$150,236.43 from moneys appropriated to the department of transportation for payment of a claim against the state made by Hoffman Construction Company.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Leraan, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 518

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 29; noes, 4; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Andrea, Breske, Buettner, Chvala, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Drzewiecki, Ellis, Farrow, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Lasee, Leraan, Lorman, Moen, Moore, Panzer, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Rosenzweig, Rude, Schultz, Weeden, Wineke and Zien — 29.

Noes — Senators Adelman, Burke, Clausing and Risser — 4.

Absent or not voting — None.

Passed.

Senate Bill 519

An act to direct expenditure of \$61,895.21 from moneys appropriated to the department of transportation for payment of a claim against the state made by Mashuda Contractors, Inc.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 519

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 29; noes, 4; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Andrea, Breske, Buettner, Chvala, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Drzewiecki, Ellis, Farrow, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Lasee, Leraan, Lorman, Moen, Moore, Panzer, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Rosenzweig, Rude, Schultz, Weeden, Wineke and Zien — 29.

Noes — Senators Adelman, Burke, Clausing and Risser — 4.

Absent or not voting — None.

Passed.

Senate Bill 520

An act to direct expenditure of \$50,314.03 from moneys appropriated to the department of transportation for payment of a claim against the state made by Kaiser Construction, Inc.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 520

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 29; noes, 4; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Andrea, Breske, Buettner, Chvala, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Drzewiecki, Ellis, Farrow, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Lasee, Leean, Lorman, Moen, Moore, Panzer, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Rosenzweig, Rude, Schultz, Weeden, Wineke and Zien — 29.

Noes — Senators Adelman, Burke, Clausing and Risser — 4.

Absent or not voting — None.

Passed.

**SECOND READING AND AMENDMENTS
OF ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND
ASSEMBLY BILLS**

Assembly Bill 334

Relating to permitting, in certain circumstances, peace officers, correctional officers or state patrol officers to request a court order requiring testing for the virus that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Assembly Bill 334

Read a third time and concurred in.

Assembly Bill 473

Relating to retaining the bond in a misdemeanor case when the speedy trial requirement is not met.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Assembly Bill 473

Read a third time and concurred in.

Assembly Bill 557

Relating to termination of certain trusts.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Assembly Bill 557

Read a third time and concurred in.

MOTIONS

Senator Risser, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn today it do so in honor of Barry Alvarez and the Wisconsin Badger football team that won the 1994 Rose Bowl.

Senators Moen and Rude, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn today it do so in honor of Erin Carney, who won the 1993 State WIAA Golf Tournament, where she broke the course record by 10 strokes. In addition, she also graduated in the top 10 of her class and has earned a four year scholarship to the University of Indiana.

Senator Chvala, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn today it do so in memory of Eleanor Anderson who died of cancer recently.

Senator Zien, with unanimous consent, asked that he be listed as a co-sponsor of **Assembly Bill 784**.

Senator Moore, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn today it do so in honor of Brent Moss, the brother-in-law of Senator Moore's eldest niece, who bore the number 33 on his jersey, the same number as Gerald McKinney, Senator Moore's brother who played in the 1963 Rose Bowl.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be ordered immediately messaged.

The President of the Senate appointed as escorts to his excellency the Governor, Senators Petak and Plewa.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until 9:00 A.M. Friday, January 28 upon the rising of the joint convention.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recess for the purpose of meeting with the Assembly in Joint Convention to receive the State of the State Message.

6:39 P.M.

RECESS

**IN ASSEMBLY CHAMBER
IN JOINT CONVENTION**

The President of the Senate in the Chair.

The committee to await upon the governor appeared with his excellency the Governor, who delivered his message as follows:

President Rude, Speaker Kunicki, members of the Legislature; constitutional officers; honorable justices of the Supreme Court; tribal chairman; members of the cabinet; distinguished guests.

And a special welcome to the communities across the state - from Ashland to Portage to Clintonville - who are viewing this speech in classrooms and technical colleges through the use of our fiber-optic telecommunications network.

My fellow citizens of Wisconsin.

It is always with great pride, and always with great pleasure, that I report to you on the state of the state of Wisconsin.

In every year that I have been privileged to be your Governor, the good news has always out-weighted the bad...and this year is no exception.

Our winning ways have been documented coast-to-coast...whether it be holding down taxes...creating jobs...reforming welfare...improving education...fighting crime...or simply and incredibly winning the Rose Bowl.

In fact, why wait another single minute before introducing some of those heroes who the entire nation applauds not only for their excellence and their courage...but for the way they represented all the people of Wisconsin.

They brought home more than a trophy. They captured a dream.

Let us in this chamber show the appreciation of all Wisconsin for what is truly America's team.

Joe Panos, J. C. Dawkins, Chris Hein, Jeff Messenger, Brent Moss, Scott Nelson, Cory Raymor, Rick Schnetzky, Lamark Shackerford, Mike Thompson, Sam Veit, Mike Verstegan. Every single one of you has made us so proud...proud to be a Badger. Isn't it great to be a Badger.

Your victory exemplifies what makes Wisconsin great.

Barry Alvarez described you as a "lunch pail" team.

You got up in the morning...rolled up your sleeves...did the hard work...and brought home the roses.

Nothing fancy. Nothing flashy. Just grit and determination...and a quiet confidence that showed 'em all. Showed 'em all that we're winners here in Wisconsin.

Gentlemen...thank you...and God Bless You.

Yes, we are winners here in Wisconsin. And we are going to keep on winning. In fact, we're just getting started.

When Vince Lombardi came to Green Bay he announced: "I have never been on a losing team, gentlemen. And I do not intend to start now."

That's how I feel about Wisconsin. We're on a winning track...and I certainly don't intend to change that now.

Why has Wisconsin been so successful? Because we work together.

When I stood before you on January 28, 1987 to deliver my first state of the state I said: "our biggest challenge is to create more jobs in Wisconsin."

We've created 367,000 jobs since then...and today...we have more people working in Wisconsin than at any time in the history of our state.

We've created jobs at a rate almost double the rest of the nation...manufacturing jobs...construction jobs - and today our unemployment rate is the 6th lowest in the nation.

And tonight, I'm happy to announce that our December unemployment rate is down again. That makes 6 years we've been below the national average.

Ladies and gentlemen, we took a state whose taxing and fiscal policies were driving people and businesses away...and turned it into one of the best-managed states in the nation, according to Financial World magazine.

Eight years ago our largest employer - Kimberly Clark - picked up and moved its headquarters to Texas. Remember that?

Today, Kimberly Clark is back. They just opened a new \$100 million dollar plant up in Menasha...they have 1500 more people working here than they did when they left...and their CEO Wayne Sanders calls Wisconsin, and I quote, "the best state in the nation and in this world to do business in."

We ended up '93 with \$9 billion in construction in Wisconsin - the biggest year ever.

And housing sales - for the third consecutive year - set an all-time record.

And '94 is starting out even better...ladies and gentlemen we have 10 companies that the Department of Development and I are working with to bring their businesses to Wisconsin.

I don't know how many of them will be successful...but they all look very promising.

Companies that could bring from 100 additional employees to Wisconsin to 3,000 employees.

I'm proud of the fact that it has been ten years since we last had a general tax rate increase in this state. Not since World War II has Wisconsin gone that long without a general tax rate increase.

And that's a record I'm proud of.

And I'll tell you something else. The federal government has passed a law to raise the income tax on the social security benefits of senior citizens.

Well, to the senior citizens of Wisconsin I have this message: Wisconsin will not adopt this change...we will not raise taxes on your social security benefits. Period.

Our economy is growing and expanding. This year we have a \$200 million surplus. Not many states can say that.

Tonight, ladies and gentlemen, I am submitting a series of initiatives that will keep Wisconsin on this winning track.

My agenda for this session will focus on many different areas: property taxes... crime... welfare... education... agriculture... and health care.

I urge you to pass these important initiatives in the next 60 days.

Crime

Through hard work, grit and determination...we have turned Wisconsin into a success story.

And I intend to employ that same grit and determination to wipe out the one thing that threatens our success...the growing threat of violent crime.

Wisconsin's crime rate is one of the lowest in the nation.

But that's no comfort to the mother of 15-year-old Charles Brenson, who was gunned down in the street because some other kids wanted his jacket.

And it's no comfort to the daughter of Christine Schweiger, who watched as her mother was brutally murdered in a restaurant parking lot because some kid didn't like her "attitude".

I am asking all of you to work with me tonight to pass the toughest anti-crime package Wisconsin has ever considered.

To those who decide to break our laws, we have a very simple message: crime doesn't pay...but you will.

Tonight I propose a citizens security package that I ask you to pass without delay.

The central element of this anti-crime initiative is to abolish mandatory parole for the most violent criminals in Wisconsin.

Under current law most violent criminals must be released from prison after serving only two-thirds of their sentence.

Mandatory parole must end...and it must end now.

And let's throw away the key for career criminals. My citizens security package requires that any criminal convicted of a third violent offense automatically be sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Yes, we're going to have three strikes in Wisconsin. But you're not out after three strikes...you're in. You're in for life.

I know there is a lot of support in this chamber for this provision. I look forward to working with you to get it passed.

My citizens security package also calls for a new \$7 million investment in putting more police officers on our streets. It establishes a 'Beat Cop Grant Program' that will put 225 more cops on the streets...walking a beat... in the state's most violent neighborhoods.

It includes \$1 million for a new technology grant program for police departments across the entire state. Police officers put their lives on the line every day. We ought to make sure they have the best equipment possible.

It includes \$500,000 to establish community policing partnership with our cities... and \$5000,000 for a weed and seed proposal to weed out criminals and seed our neighborhoods to create more jobs and more opportunity.

And as we beef up security and stiffen the penalties for committing crimes... we're going to make sure there is space to keep these criminals where they belong...behind bars.

Since I came into office, we have launched the most ambitious prison plan in the history of this state.

This year we have an additional \$9 million dollars to spend on new prison space.

So tonight I'm announcing the immediate construction of additional housing units at both the Oshkosh and Jackson County prisons. This will give us 300 new beds at no additional cost to the taxpayers.

And in my budget tonight, I am requesting funds for the construction of a new 450 bed prison.

The people of Wisconsin expect criminals to be taken off the streets. To do that, we need a new prison...and we need it now.

Yes, it costs money to build prisons...and it costs money to keep people there.

But let me tell you this: if costs more to have those criminals in our communities...terrorizing the elderly...preying on our kids...shooting people...and selling drugs.

It is time to put them away and protect the law-abiding citizens of Wisconsin.

And let's get guns out of the hands of criminals.

Tonight, I announce my support for two measures I believe will help achieve that goal.

First, we need to give judges the authority to issue a firearms restraining order when a person is involuntarily committed for mental illness.

Second, we must give judges the ability to restrict the firearm possession of those who are under restraining orders when circumstances warrant.

And third, it's crucial that we give law enforcement access to gun purchase information when investigating

gun-related crimes. That can't happen under current law.

Attorney General Doyle and I will forward legislation to you to change that law.

Juvenile crime is another critical area that requires our action now.

I recently received some letters from a group of 5th and 6th graders at Milwaukee's Parkman Middle School. In the past two years, students at that school have seen two classmates killed...one 12 years old, the other 13.

Young Kristopher Howard wrote to me...he wrote...dear Governor

I live in a neighborhood where no child should live. People in this neighborhood aren't too friendly here. Boys pull guns on people and threaten to do something to them. I think it's time for it to stop.

Yes it is Kristopher. It's time for this to stop.

For all the Kristophers out there - who are trying to learn - who are trying to have a childhood like you and I had - and for their mothers - it's time to get tough on the young toughs who are terrorizing our neighborhoods.

That's why the citizen security package I propose tonight clamps down on kids who use guns or dangerous weapons to harm another person. Those who do will be sent to adult court, automatically.

Parents should not be afraid to send their kids to school...teachers should not be afraid to teach...and children should not be afraid to learn.

The senseless murder of Wauwatosa West High School principal Dale Breitlow made it only too clear that we must do more to make our schools safe.

That's why I am proposing a tough new mandatory minimum prison sentence for anyone who commits a crime with a gun in or around a school. No excuses, no exceptions.

And if you even bring a gun to school, you lose your drivers' license too.

And there's more we should do.

Just this week, a package of provisions dealing specifically with juveniles and guns was put forward by a large group of legislators.

The package ensures that violent juveniles are prohibited from purchasing firearms as adults... it holds a person accountable if a gun given or sold to a juvenile is later used to kill someone...and it allows immediate detention of juveniles who are caught carrying guns.

I look forward to working with you all so that I can sign these important provisions into law as soon as possible.

And like adults, juveniles who commit violent crimes need to be removed from our communities.

I am announcing tonight that we will build a new juvenile facility to house the more violent breed of juvenile criminal we are seeing today.

Our two existing juvenile facilities are overcrowded. And I will no allow overcrowded conditions to become an excuse for revolving door justice.

While we strengthen our resolve to take criminals off the street...we must also reach out our hand to those young people who are at-risk but who want to turn their lives around and become part of the Wisconsin success story.

That's why I am providing \$350,000 to establish a Youth Village in Milwaukee... a residential high school that will provide the education, training and guidance these young people will need to turn their lives around

And as we take a tough stand tonight against criminals who are juveniles, let's not forget that most of our kids are working hard...doing the right thing...just like most of us.

The quality of our young people in Wisconsin was demonstrated so clearly this summer when the flood hit so many of our communities.

The young men and women of the Conservation Corps were there. Working 24-hour days...helping strangers rebuild their lives.

We have some of those young men and women here tonight, and I honor them for their service to Wisconsin.

There are countless heroes behind the headlines of last year's floods-stories of quiet heroism that define who we are in Wisconsin.

Joining us from Portage tonight are members of our National Guard who served the state so well during that time of adversity; and with them, ordinary heroes who risk their lives to save others.

Sergeant Michael Deakin...Bob Jacobson...and Marcus Wheeler... you have our respect and gratitude.

You know, our young people are 25% of our present...but they are 100% of our future.

That is why our education system can't just be the best in the nation-its got to be the best in the world.

And we're on track to get there. Our school-to-work and youth apprenticeships are the first of their kind in the nation...and they are serving as models for the nation.

These programs provide job-ready skills to the 70 percent of our high school students who don't go on to earn a college degree.

We started less than two years ago with printing apprenticeships in West Bend and Appleton-and we're adding programs throughout the state in biotechnology... insurance... health care... engineering... hotel/motel management... and manufacturing.

One apprentice's mother said: Our son comes home and speaks about 'his company' and 'his job'. This program has made a big difference...it's increased his ability to make something of himself.

Charter schools are also helping Wisconsin stay on the cutting edge of education innovation.

Tonight, I'm proposing new legislation to ensure that these schools have the flexibility they need to operate free from the regulatory clutches of Madison.

And I am asking teachers union to work with us on this...to help us pass this legislation that will give teachers the freedom to experiment in the classroom to provide the best possible education for our children.

Our schools are our window to tomorrow. We owe it to ourselves to make them the very best.

Property Taxes

And that's why tonight I am going to be proposing the single largest increase in school aids in the history of Wisconsin.

And this new funding will help reduce property taxes...the last remaining tax we really have to get a handle on.

We have controlled taxing and spending at the state level. But there have been no such controls at the local level... and that is where your property tax bills come from

That's why it was so important to get cost controls in place.

After seven long years, I congratulate you on finally passing them. Cost controls are in place-not only on our schools-but on cities and municipalities and counties as well.

Cost controls were the first and crucial step in achieving real property tax relief for taxpayers of Wisconsin.

And they're working.

For the first time in a decade, Wisconsin's property tax rate has declined. The overall tax levy increase this year was the lowest it has been in six years.

And over the next five years, cost controls will save Wisconsin's property taxpayers \$2.5 billion dollars.

This was only the first step. It was also the most controversial, and I understand that. But it's working.

Now that we have established cost controls, step two is to build more equity into our school aid formula. It's time to level the playing field for our poorest school districts.

That's why I am asking for \$25 million dollars for our 100 poorest school districts. This is a first installment-a downpayment- toward greater equity in Wisconsin's school funding.

If that money had been in place this year, those 100 school districts would have seen a 10% reduction in their tax rates.

Step number three is to remove more school funding from the backs of the property taxpayers.

That's why I am proposing that we more than double school aids for the coming year to \$200 million dollars - the largest single-year increased ever in the history of this state.

With this money we can make the first giant installment on school property tax relief in the state of Wisconsin.

And we can do even more.

If we keep cost controls in place...and our economy remains strong... I pledge to you tonight that we will put at least another one-half billion dollars to reduce school property taxes over the course of the next three years.

We have a golden opportunity here, ladies and gentlemen, to drive the property taxes down and take a giant step forward to take schools off the property taxes.

And we're not stopping with schools.

We are putting \$17 million dollars more into the County Mandate Relief... that's a 300% increase. And we are putting \$8 million dollars more into the Expenditure Restraint Payments to help our major cities.

Property tax relief is within our grasp...it is in our sights...and together, I know we can do it.

Welfare

It is that same level of cooperation that has made Wisconsin a leader in welfare reform.

When we came in here, the state of Wisconsin was eighth in the country in terms of households on welfare. Now we are 31st.

Wisconsin's welfare rolls have gone down more than the rest of the country combined...19% in the last seven years...while the country went up 30%.

Welfare rolls have dropped in every single county in this state.

And now, people are talking about it all over this country.

Governors from Maine, California, Georgia, Montana, and New York-just to name a few-are looking to Wisconsin for leadership in the welfare reform.

And tonight we have an even greater opportunity-Republicans and Democrats-to develop a program next year that will totally replace the current welfare system.

But there are some steps we need to take now...not next spring...not next year. Critical steps to change our welfare system statewide, right now.

I will detail this series of proposals tomorrow, but let me give you a brief overview tonight.

First, I will once again ask you to approve the tough child support enforcement proposal that I advanced in the budget bill last year.

To those parents who shirk their responsibility, I say this: you cruise...you lose. We will find you... and we will make you pay.

Second, in the real world you don't automatically get more money just because you have more children. It should be the same for welfare.

And I see absolutely no sense in encouraging teenage mothers to move out of their parent's homes - and setting up their own households - in order to receive higher welfare benefits.

The current system encourages this. I have signed legislation to change it. Let's put a stop to it.

Let's make sure the system encourages hope and opportunity, like it has for Sheila Assaf who is here with us tonight from Fond du Lac:

Four years ago Sheila was living at a homeless shelter... no job...no car...no hope.

But she went through our JOBS program...got an Associate Degree...and now she has a full-time job with Agri-Bank in Fond du Lac.

She's independent now, supporting herself and her daughter Lauren.

Sheila... Congratulations!

We've come a long way in the past 7 years... creating a strong economy...creating more jobs and more opportunity for people like Sheila.

To keep our economy strong in the 21st century - to create more and better jobs in the future - we need to stay on the cutting edge in technology, agriculture, and ensuring equal opportunity in our work force.

Tonight 15 schools are viewing our message through Wisconsin's Distance Learning Network. Before the year 2000 I want every school to be part of that network.

Telecommunications is a critical part of Wisconsin's economic future.

Here is the past, my friends, and here is the future. This cable carries 2,400 communication lines. This cable carries more than 400,000.

The difference between these two cables is the difference between moving ahead and standing still. This cable means more jobs and more opportunities for us and for our children.

And I'm proud to say that once again, Wisconsin is leading the way in this new technology.

And I am proud to announce that I will introduce legislation this session to implement the recommendations of my Blue Ribbon Task Force.

With your passage of that legislation, Wisconsin will be the first state in the nation to establish the information highway of the future.

And as we're building the economy of the future, let's make sure all of our workers have the opportunity to reach their highest level of ability.

Last year, my Glass Ceiling Task force recommended reforms to break down barriers blocking women and minorities from advancing in the workplace.

We're the first state in the nation to come up with such a plan.

Tonight I ask for funding to continue operation of the task force. Ladies and gentlemen - once-and-for-all - let's shatter the glass ceiling in Wisconsin.

As we plan for a future of greater opportunities and continued economic growth, we need to redouble our efforts to keep Wisconsin's farm economy strong.

Despite this year's terrible floods, Wisconsin's dairy farmers are still among the most productive in the world. We lead the nation in production of cheese, butter, unsweetened condensed milk, and so many other products.

We want to preserve the family farm in Wisconsin, and at the same time give our farmers the tools they need to be as efficient and productive as possible in the kind of operation they choose to run.

To do that, I am proposing tonight an appropriation of \$870,000 to fund our Dairy 20-20 program to help our dairy farmers compete with the rest of the nation.

And construction is also beginning now on the new World Dairy Center in Madison that will help keep Wisconsin #1 in dairy production.

Ladies and gentlemen, we must also keep working to keep Wisconsin leading in health care and the environment.

Our health care system delivers quality care...and we have one of the lowest percentages of uninsured in the nation.

Let's build on our own strength.

Nine months ago, I proposed the Health Care Partnership Plan to bring down health care costs...and reform the insurance system to make sure people are treated fairly when they leave a job or have a serious illness. Let's not wait for Washington. Let's pass health care reform in Wisconsin now.

And let's insure that protecting our environment remains a top priority.

Together, we've built a solid record of environmental achievement...a solid record that proves you can have a

strong economy and protect the environment at the same time.

Tonight, I ask that we establish a new environmental stewardship program in memory of one of Wisconsin's great environmental leaders.

With the death of Governor Warren Knowles last year, Wisconsin lost a great environmentalist. To honor his memory and continue his great work, I call for the creation of the Warren Knowles Stewardship Program...\$1 million to help conservation groups purchase land throughout the state.

Conclusion

We have so much to be proud of in Wisconsin tonight.

We've come a long way in 7 years. But we've got to keep working so Wisconsin keeps winning.

We're just getting started on the Wisconsin of tomorrow.

I have set forth an ambitious agenda for the future.

If we work together we can accomplish great things.

Just look at our Badger football team... kids from all over the country... different religions... different races... different backgrounds.

The reason they were successful was because they put aside their differences and fought for the betterment of the team.

I want us to do the same.

I believe it is Wisconsin's responsibility to lead the way. Leading is our heritage, and when we are leading, we are winning.

Years ago it was written that Wisconsin is "the soul of a great people." And how true that is.

Think about your neighbors and friends across Wisconsin - They work hard every day, but they're always there to help out with the scout troops, the churches, the fire departments and a thousand other groups that depend on volunteers.

They're decent people who take care of their neighbors, play by the rules, and treat each other with respect. That's hard to find in this day and age.

Yes, we face tremendous challenges. But we've never been so ready to meet them.

There have never been so many opportunities to make our state the very best place in the world to get a job, start a business, and raise a family.

That is my vision, ladies and gentlemen: to create more opportunity and more security for the people of Wisconsin.

Not just more jobs, but more quality jobs. Not just education, but the best education. Not just the end of welfare, but the beginning of opportunity for people who have been robbed of their self-respect and self reliance.

Not just reform in taxes or health care or public safety or the environment, but the kinds of reforms that will give people security today and in the future.

These are changes worth fighting for.

These are things that will keep Wisconsin winning.

Let us go forward, and complete this mission together.

God bless you and thank you.

The Senate adjourned.

8:00 P.M.

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 528** offered by Senator Farrow.

Senate amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 608** offered by Senators Potter and Rosenzweig.

Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 234** offered by Senator Lorman.

CHIEF CLERK'S CORRECTION

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Senate Bill 279

1. Page 13, line 4: delete "(ar), (b), 1 and 2, (bm)" and substitute "(ar) and (b) 1 and 2 and (2) (bm)".

Senate Bill 316

Assembly Substitute Amendment 3

1. Page 3, line 3: before "if" insert "made".

Senate Bill 589

1. Page 2, line 2: delete "(title) DEFINITIONS."

Assembly Bill 609

1. Page 2, line 18: substitute "of tax" for "or tax".